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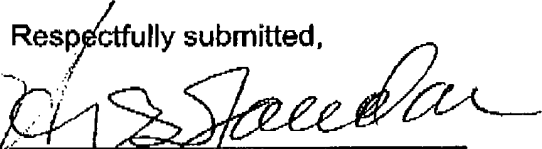
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Dear Sir:

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Assaf***Draft**Proposed Claim 6:

A method for assembling a mirror assembly having a mirror element and a housing defining an interior therein, a rim, and a covering, the method comprising the steps of:

a) providing a carrier plate and locating said carrier plate spaced apart from said rim and cover, said carrier plate having a plurality of openings therethrough and a transversely extending clamping recess thereon;

b) providing a holder and clamping said clamping recess to said holder with said holder extending across and positioning the carrier plate in said spaced apart position;

- c) mounting a mirror adjustment assembly to the carrier plate; and
d) mounting the mirror element to the mirror adjustment assembly.

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Proposed Claim 10:

An external rearview mirror assembly for a vehicle comprising:

a housing defining an interior therein, a rim, and a covering;

a holder depending through the housing into the interior, the holder configured for attachment to the vehicle;

a carrier plate including a base portion having a clamping recess extending transversely thereover and a plurality of openings therethrough, the carrier plate being attachable within the interior by clamping the clamping recess to the holder, positioning the carrier plate in spaced apart position from the rim and the covering;

a mirror adjustment assembly mountable to the carrier plate; and

a mirror arrangement having a mirror glass extending substantially in a given plane, the mirror arrangement being mountable to one of the mirror adjustment assembly and the carrier plate wherein one of the housing, the carrier plate and combinations thereof are cooperable to provide structural support for at least one of the mirror adjustment assembly and the mirror arrangement.

Turning to Figures 1 and 3:

Carrier plate 12 is mounted about its periphery to housing base 6. Housing base 6 extends perpendicularly away from housing rim 8 inwardly. It is at the inward end of housing base 6, away from the rim that carrier plate 12 is connected with the housing 4.

In Catlin, member 18 referred to in the rejection as the carrier plate is engaged with rim by bolt 64 of housing 20.

There is no holder equivalent to holder 2 disclosed in the reference. There is no disclosure of the carrier plate having a clamping recess 40, as shown in Figs 1, 3 and

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5b which receives and secures with holder 2.

Both claims 6 and 10 clearly call for this structure.

After you have had a chance to study the proposed amendments, please give me a call.

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